

C) REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-18

The Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-18 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being obvious over the Japanese reference JP 41-151480 in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,861,248 to Dale and under 35 USC § 112. Those claims are now cancelled.

Newly Added Claims 21-38

At page 7 of the subject Office Action, suggested claim language is presented. Notwithstanding the reference to ozone generation, which is actually the essence of applicant's currently co-pending App. Ser. No. 10/930,148, applicant has adapted the suggested claim language to this application and now presents claims 21-38 for examination. The total number of claims presented is 20 and the total number of independent claims presented is 5, which is the number of total claims and independent claims previously presented. Accordingly, no additional fee is believed to be due.

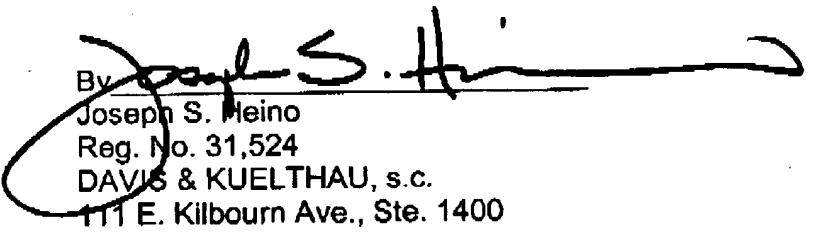
Applicant respectfully submits that newly presented claims 21-38, in addition to claims 19 and 20 which have previously been indicated to contain allowable subject matter, are drawn to allowable subject matter. Allowance of all claims now presented is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

Applicant believes that he is the first to provide a useful and non-obvious method for inexpensively and temporarily converting an anaerobic septic system to an aerobic system for a period of time to reduce the biomat created by anaerobic bacteria which, if not remediated, reduces the performance of the anaerobic system. For his ingenuity, he is entitled to the protection of the United States patent laws. Allowance of the remaining claims is respectfully requested.

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